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## Thomas L. Evans letter to his Brother from Camp near Covington, Kentucky

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Camp Near Covington Ky.  
Dear Brother.

I received a letter  
from home the other day &  
should have ~~written~~<sup>answered</sup> before this  
before but for the incessant  
movement we keep up  
& that I had just sent a  
letter before I received it  
This is a beautiful  
morning & we are (that is  
our company) are out about  
3 miles from camp on  
picket & have been here  
since yesterday morning  
We are about 60 or 70 miles  
above Cincinnati and so  
near the river that we  
could fire across to Ohio.  
The general impression here  
is that Rebels who were in



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force in front are retreating  
or were never there.

I must now give you a  
kind of a history of our  
movement since Tuesday  
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wrote. Tuesday morning  
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earth works that were thrown  
up for our protection. after  
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in the hot sun we  
stacked our arms in a  
wheat stubble drafted some  
rails ~~and~~ to stretch our  
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& lay there to rest a while &  
be ready for any thing that might  
turn up. That night ~~that~~ we  
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morning and formed in  
line of battle & remained there  
till after ~~seven~~ sun up  
When we were dismissed  
& went after noon breakfast  
to drilling till noon  
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till next morning, dusty &  
dirty as could be but about  
sun up ~~we~~ next morning  
we left the ditches & went  
to camp on the same  
ground we camped on Monday  
night & remained there  
till Friday morning. Thursday  
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& the men had to lay out  
~~it~~ in it without tents till  
three when we were called  
in line & kept there a while  
when we cooked our breakfast



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have had a pleasant time  
though we are the advance  
pickets of the left flank  
of the forces here which extend  
several miles down the river  
we will be relieved this  
morning by another Com. & go  
back to camp. The people here  
are ~~not~~ mostly loyal & all have  
taken the oath though we  
are in sight of some who  
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rebels. The boys from our neighbor-  
hood are all well but there are  
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